

REMARKS

Applicants cancelled claims 6, 11, and 13-16, and as agreed by the Examiner, preserve their rights to pursue these claims in one or more continuation applications filed later. Claims 4 and 12 have been allowed (the Final Office Action mailed July 15, 2003). Therefore, this application is now ready to issue as a patent.

Applicants filed a Notice of Appeal on January 14, 2004, thus Applicants has until March 14, 2004 to file an Appeal. Accordingly, Applicant believes that no extension of time is required for entry of this amendment. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any required fees, including any extension and/or excess claim fees, any additional fees, or credit any overpayment, to Goodwin Procter LLP Deposit Account No. 06-0923.

Respectfully submitted,



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